



CENTRAL OHIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Box 1561, Dublin, OH 43017



September 2019

When: 7 p.m., Sept. 18
Where: Oakstone Academy
900 Club Dr., Westerville
Speaker: Marie G and Geoff G
Topics: Odd and Curious

September presentation

Marie will present the history concerning slave jewelry and the Kissi penny issued in several countries in Africa.

I will describe the history of Chinese spade money and the process of manufacturing Thailand's bullet money. -- **Geoff**

Club auction

Send Oct lots to Steve Ba...@columbus.rr.com - by Oct. 7 (This month's auction list will be available at the meeting, but not before.)

Raffle

Tickets are \$1 each; 6 for \$5; 13 for \$10.

Columbus Coin Show

When: Sept. 15 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Where: Makoy Center, Hilliard
Admission: CONA members get in free

Speakers

Oct. ... Bruce Smith
Nov. ... Chris P. (1952) and Marie (Seattle)
Dec. ... Banquet Dec. 11 at Heritage Golf/Hilliard
Jan. .. Heath M., US Mint FDR medals
March.... Bill Bierly, In God We Trust

Hilltop auction

When: Sept. 24, (5:30 p.m. lot viewing)
Where: Grove City Coin, 2655 Columbus St.

New show location

Dublin Crowne Plaza, our show's home for more than a decade, is closing Nov. 15 for renovation, reconfiguration and reflagging as a Doubletree. The reconfigured hotel will not have room for our show.

Consequently, the show will move for at least 2020 and 2021 to the nearby Embassy Suites, 5100 Upper Metro Pl., which promises to be as good if not better.



CONA members and officials celebrated CONA's 20th anniversary show on the Thursday before the show opened with cake and cookies.

Over the decades Evan and Nancy Brill and now Patty and Tony Cass have shepherded the coin show. Nancy, Tony and Patty are toward the center of the photo.

Patty's initial reactions follow, along with some comments that dealers have made online. The October newsletter will have more information and lots of pictures from the show and the summer picnic - Gerry

Ohio State Coin Show ‘Preliminary Report’ to the CONA membership

This is a very short “report” about the 20th Anniversary OSCS. I will have more information for you at the meeting on the 18th.

There were 579 raffle tickets sold at the show. “Thank you, John Rieske” for wearing your costume and helping out. In case you have not heard, the top prize was won by our CONA board chairman and his lovely “Hospitality Co-Chair” wife. This is so appropriate for all the work that Stephen and Lexa Petty do for our club and the show. Other club member winners were Tim Harris, Denny Remeta, John Roberts, Vern Warner, Bruce Smith and Pat Fahey. Long-time club member Herb Schmidt won two prizes!

We had 26 Young Numismatists participate in our Treasure Hunt. Jim Belt reported that while he was taking his grandson on the hunt, he overheard a gentleman from West Virginia say to one of the Stop Dealers that the reason he had come to the show was to bring his grandson to the Treasure Hunt. Pretty neat! Does anyone have a Scout connection that might help bring in more Hunters?

We had approximately 534 attendees at the show, including 11 Early Birds, 29 club members who were not working – just shopping, and 494 people who came through the door and brought or filled out green address cards. Some of the dealers would like to have had more attendance, but this number is consistent with a home OSU football game.

And now, for the warning to get more rest before the next show - I received 51 letters of intent to attend next year’s show. One dealer filled out a letter of intent for a friend and paid his \$100 deposit. This same dealer sent out pictures of the bourse to at least two of his other dealer friends. Great advertising! Normally I get 20 or 21 contracts at the end of a show for the next year. The dealers seem excited about our new surroundings. We will need to work on getting the tax exemption reinstated in the spring or we will lose at least two of the out-of-state dealers.

Once again, thank you so much for all your hard work and support. I so appreciate what you do!

Patty

Dave needs a job

CONA members, Dave Peck, the long-term maintenance man at the Crowne Plaza Dublin, will be losing his job when the hotel closes in a couple months. He has been wonderful to work with during our 20 years of holding the show in the hotel and asked me during the show if we might spread the word that he is looking for work. If any members know of a maintenance position that might be available, please let Gerry, Patty or me know or contact him directly at 614-791-1122 or depeck1@sbcglobal.net - Steve Petty



Gerry Fortin

Gerry Fortin, retiring president of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club and notable dealer in Seated coinage, writes a well-worth reading daily blog on his website - www.seateddimevarieties.com/DailyBlog.htm

Here are a couple entries about the CONA show.

Sept. 2

CONA Show Summary

I'm quite pleased with CONA show sales results and looking forward to the 2020 event at the new Embassy Suites location. But CONA is much more than just numismatic sales. The CONA organization is unlike any other in numismatics. CONA brings a chance to reunite with good friends, including Stephen and Lexa Petty, among others. Saturday evening in the CONA hospitality suite brought a amazing discussion with Steve from Hungary. Steve and I are both from the electronics industry with colorful stories to share due to surprising parallels. Each of us spent time working in Communist regimes with unspoken political and professional challenges. Many war stories were shared that evening while sipping tequila. The evening turned out to be incredibly memorable!

At the CONA show, GFRC sold a balanced mix of Liberty Seated coinage and United States gold. Friday sales were nearly all Liberty Seated while Saturday's sales were essentially all United States gold. A few new purchases were made along with insourcing a strong consignment from the Cleveland Collection. Overall, I'm happy and pleased with the CONA event. GFRC managed to achieve its August sales goal even with a disappointing Chicago ANA show.

Aug. 31

Happenings at the GFRC Table!

GFRC is excited to report the purchase of a condition census 1861-O W-14 CSA struck Liberty Seated half dollar graded PCGS AU58. W-14 is the 1861-O die marriage combination of the WB-103 Bisecting Date Crack with the WB-104 Speared Olive Bud. This die pairing is much rarer than the W-11 CSA Obverse or the W-13 Bisecting Date Crack. PCGS has graded two specimens at the AU55 level, with none finer. This PCGS AU58 example is frosty original with brilliant original luster and boldly detailed attribution points.

The morning hours brought collector consulting and the sharing of bad news. A GFRC customer arrived with a partially filled Dansco Liberty Seated half dime album and was interested in selling. I was hesitant as most pieces were common dates and valued under \$150. With a huge consignment backlog to process, the last thing I needed was more lower priced half dimes. The collector was persistent and pointed out that his 1866 half dime would make my time worthwhile. The 1866 half dime was pulled from the album page and inspected. The strike was uncharacteristically mushy on both sides. I focused on the date digits and immediately recognized the date punch utilized by modern Chinese counterfeiters. Yes, the collector's 1866 half dime was a modern counterfeit that had been toned an even gray. How I hate to break bad news to collectors. I inquired about where this piece was purchased and the reply was a flea market. The collector believed he was securing a deal at \$400 for a raw EF45 1866 half dime. This is a lesson for everyone who reads the Blog. If a purchase is too good to be true, then stay away. There is no Santa Claus in numismatics.

One of the LSCC regional meeting attendees arrived to the GFRC table during the afternoon hours. He was excited to share a Liberty Seated coin that he picked out of a junk box decades ago as a teenager. After being away from numismatics for an extended period, he was back to the hobby and looking forward to special insights on his junk box "find." After a long preamble of his collecting career, he produces the coin. Was it a special Liberty Seated quarter trial strike? Nope. It took a moment to identify the piece as an 1861 transfer die contemporary counterfeit struck on brass with a large hole.

The Reeded Edge / Rob Lehmann

The Reeded Edge is a notable dealer in coins, Civil War memorabilia and other rare collectibles. The company posts market updates at its website - <https://www.reedededge.com/market-reports-news>. Here are a couple.

Sept. 4

Ohio State Coin Show Resounding Success-Next up, Gettysburg

This time of year marks one of those rare instances when we come off of one favorite coin show only to turn around and head to another that we like equally as much (albeit for slightly different reasons). Let's first talk about last week's Ohio State Coin Show (OSCS) in Dublin, Ohio. Although there are many coin clubs that pour their hearts and souls into their sponsored shows, few do it quite as well or thoroughly as the Central Ohio Numismatic Association. Once again, the green hats ran a first-class production. Friday was one of the busiest days in recent memory at any coin show, and for just a split second, we thought that we had traveled back in time to the ANA's World's Fair of Money held two weeks earlier. The room was full of passionate collectors and business was being conducted at a brisk pace. Of special importance to us, were the number of collectors indicating that they had seen our *Coin World* ad, *Numismatic News* ad, or weekly price list, and had specifically come to the show in search of one or more advertised coins. We also met, for the first time, several established mail-order customers that we knew only by name. Ideally, these are the type of opportunities that a coin show should afford us. We can now begin to look forward to next year's event, being held at a neighboring facility yet. Under the club's competent leadership of Steve Petty, we are sure that this new venue will be chosen carefully, and the show will not miss a beat in the process. Next week, we will be headed to a little bit different type of show, but one that we love no less. The Battlefield Coin Show, under the direction of Mike Dixon, is a fine venue, that is now in its fifth year. The allure of this show is the historic Civil War location of Gettysburg, PA.

Aug. 26

Labor Day Weekend Ohio State Coin Show a Perennial Fan Favorite

And what better way to kick off this period (active fall coin show season) than with The Ohio State Coin Show sponsored by the Central Ohio Numismatic Association in Dublin, OH (a wonderful, quaint hamlet just outside of Columbus). The Green Hats, as the derby-wearing promoters like to call themselves, do a phenomenal job with both preparation and marketing of this show. The end result is a regional coin show that manages to pack the Crowne Plaza ballroom with collectors for the duration of the show. This despite the aforementioned distractions, not of which the least for this area, is the kickoff of the Ohio State football season. This is one of the few shows that Rob and Robbie stick around for Sunday. We just never know what opportunities that the closing day may afford us.

In memoriam: Monica J. Kern

KERN Monica J., died on Sept. 1, 2019, due to complications of esophageal cancer at the age of 57. She was born on October 9, 1961 in Seattle, WA, but spent most of her childhood in Garden Grove, CA. She obtained her B.A. in psychology from the University of California at Riverside in 1983. She earned her Ph.D. in social psychology from Harvard University in 1987, where she worked under the supervision of Robert Rosenthal on the topic of interpersonal expectancy effects. She then joined the faculty at the University of Kentucky, where she published over 50 scholarly articles, book chapters, and edited books on the topics of expectancy effects, meta-analysis, and bullying and peer victimization.

Monica is survived by her dearly beloved husband, Jonathan Kern, her children, Athena Kern and Isaac Kern, and stepdaughter, Dr. Larissa Hufnagel. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Lexington Humane Society.